

# Neighborhood

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## Ten Strategies for a Stronger Washington

### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*Neighborhoods are the building blocks of Washington. As the city enters a unique era of growth and opportunity, the quality of our neighborhoods becomes even more fundamental to the health of our families, the strength of our economy and the future of our children.*

*In recognition of the fundamental role of the District's 131 neighborhoods, my administration has created "Neighborhood 10" – a comprehensive and collaborative approach for strengthening our city. Presented in this document are key strategies for creating the strong and healthy neighborhoods that you have envisioned. These strategies are based in four guiding principles:*

- Empower and engage citizens
- Align government action with citizen priorities
- Strategically invest scarce resources to demonstrate meaningful and visible impacts
- Enhance unity of purpose and democracy

*"Neighborhood 10" builds on the extraordinary direction you, the citizens of Washington, have provided this administration. It builds upon what we learned through Neighborhood Action, an initiative that engaged all of the city's citizens in planning and working for a better, stronger District of Columbia. And it builds upon the Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAPs) that, through numerous neighborhood visioning workshops, you have been creating for each of the city's 39 neighborhood clusters.*

*This document shows how the city can mobilize resources behind shared goals to create meaningful change and improvement in the quality of life for all the city's residents. It explains this city's coordinated effort to distribute the benefits of recent economic growth in order to ensure a future Washington that is diverse, affordable, and united in purpose.*

*Washington, DC is a city of proud people with a strong sense of community. Although the challenges for neighborhood revitalization are complex, I believe the District can and will meet every challenge if we rely on our greatest strength – each other.*

*Anthony A. Williams*  
Mayor, District of Columbia

**1 Empowering Residents: Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAPs).** Providing residents a process to articulate and begin addressing many of their neighborhoods' most pressing challenges

**2 Delivering Quality Services: Neighborhood Services Initiative (NSI).** Finding permanent solutions - not just quick fixes - for persistent service delivery problems and for the improvement of public spaces.

**3 Investing in Strategic Areas: Strategic Neighborhood Investment Program (SNIP).** Demonstrating measurable improvements by focusing scarce resources in areas of the city where the Neighborhood 10 are best leveraged.

**4 Generating Quality, Affordable Housing.** Addressing housing shortages and creating homes for people of all incomes.

**5 Eliminating Blight: Home Again Initiative.** Putting vacant and abandoned properties back into productive use.

**6 Modernizing and Re-envisioning Schools.** Making the District's schools a centerpiece of the revitalization effort.

**7 Enhancing Neighborhood Business Districts: reSTORE DC Program.** Strengthening existing neighborhood businesses and attracting new retail.

**8 Leveraging Assets: Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).** Restoring our neighborhood centers by leveraging our city's rail stations and major bus corridors.

**9 Creating New Neighborhoods.** Developing large scale, mixed-use communities on former federal land, District-controlled land and areas with an aggregate of underutilized properties.

**10 Partnering with Anchor Institutions.** Developing clearly defined partnerships in order to successfully implement the Neighborhood 10 strategies and ensure ongoing stability and vibrancy.

